



Melissa L. Martin

Associate Attorney

Areas of Concentration

- Real Estate
- Corporate and Securities
- Estate Planning, Probate & Asset Protection

Education

American University Washington
College of Law
Juris Doctor
cum laude

American University School of
International Service
Master of Arts – International
Relations

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science
Bachelor of Arts – Anthropology

Admission & Qualifications

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of New York

State Bar of Washington

United States District Court
Southern District of New York
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Melissa Martin is a Texas and New York licensed attorney who focuses her practice on real estate and corporations. She assists clients in the acquisition, financing, leasing, and development of improved and unimproved real property throughout the Southwest United States.

Melissa Martin has experience in commercial, farm and ranch, and residential real estate transactions with a primary focus on multi-family and retail development/leasing. Ms. Martin also advises clients on estate planning and general corporate matters.

Prior to joining ScottHulse, Melissa Martin served as corporate and litigation counsel for a financial investment firm managing real estate portfolios.

Ms. Martin earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Arts in International Relations from the American University in Washington, DC, where she graduated cum laude. While in law school, she served as a judicial extern for the Honorable G. Michael Harvey at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Ms. Martin earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ms. Martin is a member of the Texas Bar College, an honorary society of legal scholars who champion advanced legal

education and professional ethics within the legal profession. She is a participant in the Leadership El Paso Class XXXIV, sponsored by the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. She is also a board member of the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Martin is an

active member of several other professional organizations, including the El Paso Women's Bar Association, where she is a mentor to young women pursuing a career in law through the Association's MILE program.

Presentations & Publications

- *Emerging Voices Panel: Recent Scholarship on the Theory and Practice of International Law*, Int'l L. Ass'n – Am. Branch Annual Conference (Fordham U. School of Law, New York 2018). Discussed economic risk of unitizing cross-border oil and gas reservoirs given increased use of trade sanctions by the international community.
- *Qatar's Maritime Quagmire: Analysis of South Pars/North Dome Unitization Risk Amidst the Gulf Rift and the Dubious Prospects of Unitization as State Obligation*, 25 ILSA J. of Int'l & Comp. L. 329 (2019).
- *Politically Exempt: Analysis of Turkey's Fethullah Gülen Extradition Request and U.S. Federal Court Application of the Political Offense Exception*, 10 Am. U. Nat'l Security L. Brief 34 (2019).
- Melissa L. Martin et al., War Crimes Research Off. – Am. U. Washington C. of L., Case-Based Reparations at the Central African Republic's Special Criminal Court (2019).
- Melissa L. Martin & Martijn Vermeersch, Syria Just. & Accountability Ctr., *Return Is A Dream: Options for Post-Conflict Property Restitution in Syria* (2018).

Organizations

- Texas Bar College
- Leadership El Paso Class XXXIV - Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- El Paso Bar Association
- El Paso Women's Bar Association
- West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross – Board member